

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2182 - HB 2259

January 27, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a seven member Committee for Surgical Technologists attached to the Board of Medical Examiners. The Committee shall establish requirements for the licensing of surgical technologists within the Division of Health Related Boards in the Department of Health. Individuals are automatically eligible for licensing if they are presently employed by a hospital and they have either three years experience, are presently enrolled in a training program or have national certification. New applicants must complete an approved program and pass a national certification exam. The Division would establish rules and collect license fees. Hospitals in counties with a population of less than 35,000 are exempt from the bill's requirements.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

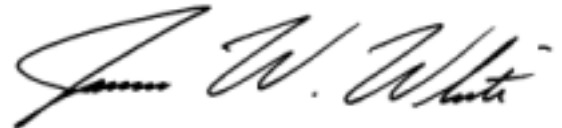
**Increase State Expenditures - \$41,000 Recurring
\$7,000 One-Time**

Increase State Revenues - \$48,000

Assumes the need for one position and related expenses in the Department of Health to administer certification for approximately 2,000 to 3,000 surgical technologists. Because regulatory boards are required by statute to be self-supporting it is estimated that revenue from certification fees will equal expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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